

Armed Forces



GETS CITATION . . . Maj. Samuel L. Boritz (right), whose sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry Raymond, lives at 1900 W. 141st St., Gardena, receives a citation to the U. S. Joint Service Commendation Medal from Maj. General Donald W. Graham. Maj. Boritz received the medal and citation in recognition of his service as a member of a combined armed forces organization in Naples, Italy. The presentation was made at McGuire AFB, N. J., where he is chief of the flight communications branch at Headquarters, Eastern Transport Air Force.

Privates Keith D. Portrey and John H. Bylo of Redondo Beach, completed advanced training as cannoners at the Artillery and Missile Center, Ft. Sill, Okla., Sept. 23.

They were trained in the preparation, landing, and firing of field artillery guns and howitzers.

The two 21-year-old soldiers entered the Army in May 1965 and were last assigned at Ft. Polk, La.

Pvt. Portrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Portrey, 511 Meyer Lane, was graduated in 1962 from Torrance High School. Before entering the Army, he was employed by Charles Signal Service Station in Redondo Beach.

Pvt. Bylo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Bylo, 1804 Carnegie Lane, was employed by the Build & Save Lumber Yard in Lakewood before entering the Army. He was graduated in 1962 from Redondo Union High School.



NHS GRAD . . . Airman Lonny B. Sugamele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Blaise Sugamele of 3909 W. 183rd St., has been selected for training as a communications - electronics specialist. He has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss. Airman Sugamele is a 1965 graduate of North High School.

Second Lieutenant Jimmie E. Wray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford H. Wray of 1024 Felder St., Gardena, has been graduated from the U.S. Air Force F-4C Phantom II pilot course at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Lieutenant Wray, whose instructions included tactical air operations with the Air Force's fastest operational aircraft, is being assigned to Eglin AFB, Fla. He is a member of the Tactical Air Command which provides combat reconnaissance, aerial firepower and assault airlift for U.S. Army forces.

A graduate of Memphis Technical High School, the lieutenant received his B.S. degree from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1963. He was commissioned upon completion of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

Aviation Electronics Technician Airman Fred M. Chodkowski, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zygmund B. Chodkowski of 17213 Atkinson Ave., was graduated Sept. 10 from the Aviation Electronics Technician Course in Radar at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn.

During the 12-week course he was introduced to a pulsed radar system, electronic countermeasures and types of radar and navigational aids,

Captain Walter G. Bauerle, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bauerle of 2830 Wenlock Road, has been awarded the U.S. Air Force Air Medal at McClellan AFB, Calif.

Captain Bauerle, an aircraft commander, received the medal for meritorious achievement during military flights in Southeast Asia.

He now is assigned to McClellan as a member of the Air Defense Command which provides aerospace defense against hostile aircraft and missiles.

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Bryan G. Hawley, husband of the former Peggy J. Dudley of Torrance, received the Marine Corps Good Conduct Award while serving with Station Operations and Engineering Squadron, a unit of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, at the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C. This medal is awarded for demonstrating high achievement in conduct and proficiency in rank during three years of continuous active service.

Navy Ensign Harold S. Tiernan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Tiernan of 1848 Santa Fe Ave., a graduate of California State College, Long Beach, was among 145 officer candidates from colleges and universities in the United States who graduated from the U. S. Naval Officer Candidate School Sept. 17 at Newport, R. I.

Seaman Appren. David D. Sherwood, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane D. Sherwood of 17204 Ardath Ave., is serving aboard the ammunition ship USS Mount Katmai, currently operating with the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.



MORTAR PRACTICE . . . Cadet Charles R. Myers (right), son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Myers of 827 Hickory Ave., gets assistance from Sophomore Cadet Geoffrey K. Burke of Elkhardt, Ind., in firing the M-81 mortar at Camp Buckner, a U.S. Military Academy combat training reservation. Myers, a West Point summer training in the use of combat arms during third classman (sophomore) and other cadets received the eight-week program. The 20-year-old cadet is a 1963 graduate of Torrance High.

Army PFC Ernest H. Fowler Jr., whose parents live at 21432 225th St., Lomita, participated in Exercise Eagle Eye II, a field training exercise conducted by I Corps (Group) units in Korea, Sept. 13-18.

The exercise was another in a series providing realistic combat training and conditions for the testing of communications equipment and operations.

Fowler, a pay specialist, is assigned to Headquarters Company, 51st Signal Battalion.

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CHOSEN . . . Airman Howard W. Rice Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Rice, 1617 W. 168th St., has been selected for technical training at Chanute AFB in Illinois as an aircraft maintenance specialist. He is a 1965 graduate of Gardena High School.



FIRST DUTY . . . Airman J.C. Terry J. Harem, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Haren of 2607 W. 181st St., has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss., for his first permanent duty station in the Air Force. He will be trained as a statistical data specialist. Airman Haren attended El Camino College.

Six Torrance men are serving with the Seventh Fleet in the South China Sea aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea. They are:

Seaman Robert R. Plourde, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Plourde of 22703 Frigate Ave.;

Seaman Alan R. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Evans of 22718 Van Deen Ave.;

Gunner's Mate 2.C. Henry J. Ivanoff, son of Mrs. Florence Trainor of 3518 W. 227th Place;

Seaman Appren. Gary L. Munson, son of Stanley A. Munson of 225 E. 215th St.;

Fireman Appren. William P. Kennedy, son of Mrs. Lora Kennedy of 1628 W. 220th St.; and

Fireman Appren. William C. Eck, son of Mrs. Pearl M. Eck of 1130 E. Renton St.

Electrician's Mate 3/C Dennis L. Lightfoot, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. L. Lightfoot of 23333 Shadycroft Ave., is participating in operations in the South China Sea off the coast of Viet Nam while serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Bon Homme Richard.

On Aug. 17 the crew of Bon Homme Richard paid a two-week visit to the port of Yokosuka, Japan followed by a five-day stay in Sasebo, Japan for shipboard upkeep and rest and relaxation for the crew.

Pvt. Jose O. Morin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jose C. Morin, 1310 W. Carson St., completed the basic Army administration course at Ft. Ord, Calif., Oct. 1.

During the course Morin was acquainted with the preparation and filing of various Army records and forms.

Pvt. Russell A. Moore completed Army basic training at Ft. Polk, La., Oct. 2 and has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Moore, at 21107 Donora Ave. Private Moore entered the Army last July and has now been assigned to Ft. Eustis, Va., for additional training. He was graduated from South High School with the Class of '62 and attended El Camino College before entering the service.

Airman 2.C. Paul B. Heath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gavel of 2002 Vanderbilt Lane, Redondo Beach, has been graduated from the technical training course for U.S. Air Force radio operators at Keesler AFB, Miss. Airman Heath, who was taught to operate radio receivers and associated equipment, will remain at Keesler for training as an instructor.

Armed Forces Parade Nominated for Award

A "Freedoms Award" nomination has been made for Torrance's Sixth Annual Armed Forces Day parade and celebration held last May.

Notification of the nomination was received by City Manager Edward J. Ferraro and Kenneth D. Wells II, vice president of the Awards Administration, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa.

The communication from the Freedoms Foundation did not reveal what person or organization submitted the Torrance event for consideration in the community program award.

The city of Torrance and the Torrance Chamber of

Commerce, co-sponsors of the annual patriotic salute to our nation's armed forces, were asked to provide the National Awards Jury with additional information encompassing procedures, publicity, and specific aims and accomplishments for the event.

The requested information has been compiled and sent to the Freedoms Foundation. Included in the substantiating material was a summary of activities, a news media report, and a sampling of commendatory letters received from military, government, and civic leaders.

Ferraro and Chamber Manager J. Walker Owens both expressed appreciation for the nomination.

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